

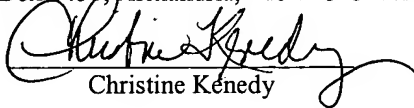


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 14, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004, submitted herewith is a Petition for Extension of time, including the required fee, therefore, this response has been timely filed.

Also submitted are the following amendments:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 16-26 and 30-38.

Please amend claims 28 and 29 and add claim 40 as follows.